

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Is there anybody else who wishes to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lamb's amendment to the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Lamb amendment is adopted. Are there any further motions on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, we are back on the main bill. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 628 is almost a word for word version prior to the amendments of the bill which was introduced about five or six years ago by members of this body in an attempt to try to provide some kind of a marketing compact among the states to assist in the merchandising and marketing of midwestern grain. Many of you recall, of course, I believe Senator Kahle, Senator Hefner, myself, and others attended a number of meetings, and Senator Carsten, I think maybe even Senator Lamb, in which we tried to work out some kind of a grain marketing compact that would replace some of the trading efforts that had been taking place by the federal government. We are well aware of the fact that the intrusion of the federal government in the grain marketing of the various states by virtue of embargoes and other derogatory efforts had a very negative impact upon our ability to merchandise grain throughout the world. You might also recall there is a lot of interest right now that has to do with the Cargo Preference Act at the federal government level which puts about 80 cents a bushel upon the price of Nebraska grain that has to move in American ships. There is a lot of interest, Congresswoman Smith and I believe Senators Exon and Zorinsky have introduced legislation in the Congress now to remove that. But those are a couple of examples that I can recite from memory right now of actions that were negative to marketing of midwestern grain. I believe, and it has been I think spoken of many times, that there is a sincere interest among midwestern states to try to work together to market a high quality product and to do so in an effective manner and to in effect bypass the efforts of the federal government. We were told in recent news articles of the appointment of Dr. Clayton